

REMARKS

In the Official Action mailed on **25 April 2008**, Examiner reviewed claims 1-21. Examiner rejected claims 10, 13, 17, and 20 under 35 U.S.C. § 112. Examiner rejected claims 1-2, 5-9, 12-16, and 19-21 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) based on Goeller (U.S. Patent No. 7,200,658, hereinafter “Goeller”), in view of Admitted Prior Art (hereinafter “APA”). Examiner objected to claims 3, 4, 10-11, and 17-18 as being dependent upon a rejected base claim.

Amendments to the Specification

Applicant has amended the specification to remove an attorney docket number.

Rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 112

Examiner rejected claims 10, 13, 17, and 20 under 35 U.S.C. § 112 for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter of the invention. Applicant has amended claims 13 and 20 to provide the corresponding antecedent basis. Applicant has cancelled claims 10 and 17, as discussed in the following section.

Allowable Subject Matter

Examiner objected to claims 3, 10, and 17 as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but indicated the claims would be allowable if rewritten in independent form.

Accordingly, Applicant has amended independent claims 1, 8, and 15 to include the limitations of claims 3, 10, and 17 respectively. Applicant has cancelled claims 3, 10, and 17 without prejudice. No new matter was added.

Hence, Applicant respectfully submits that independent claims 1, 8, and 15 as presently amended are in condition for allowance. Applicant also submits that dependent claims which depend upon these independent claims are for the same reasons in condition for allowance and for reasons of the unique combinations recited in such claims.

CONCLUSION

It is submitted that the application is presently in form for allowance.
Such action is respectfully requested.

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